

Requirements for Becoming a Lead Abatement Supervisor

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Residential Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

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What is a Lead Abatement Supervisor?

A lead abatement supervisor is a certified individual who supervises any measure or set of measures designed to permanently eliminate lead-based paint hazards in a residential dwelling or child-occupied facility. Lead abatement includes the removal of lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust, the permanent enclosure or encapsulation of lead-based paint, the replacement of lead-painted surfaces or fixtures, and the removal or covering of lead-contaminated soil. A lead abatement supervisor also conducts lead abatement activities, and prepares the occupant protection plans and abatement reports.

How do I apply to become a Lead Abatement Supervisor?

Within one year of successfully completing a KDHE- or EPA- accredited training program, submit a completed *Lead Occupation Initial / Renewal* form, along with a copy of your KDHE- or EPA-accredited lead abatement supervisor training program certificates, and any required refresher completion certificates for the lead abatement supervisor occupation. You must also include evidence documenting your training and experience that would fulfill the requirements of a lead abatement supervisor, a check or money order made payable to KDHE for the nonrefundable \$150 fee, and two recent, passport-size color photographs of your face without a hat or sunglasses. (Computer-generated or photocopied photographs shall not be acceptable.)

How much are the fees to become a lead abatement supervisor?*

Initial fee.....	\$150
Recertification fee.....	\$75
Certification by Reciprocity fee.....	\$150
Third Party examination fee (required).....	\$50

***all fees are nonrefundable**

What qualifications are required to become a lead abatement supervisor?

Experience qualifications-(must meet at least one of the following)

- At least one year of experience as a certified lead abatement worker certified by Kansas, EPA, or an EPA-approved state;
- At least two years of experience in asbestos abatement work as a construction manager or superintendent; or
- At least two years of experience as a manager for environmental hazard remediation projects.

Training qualifications-

Each applicant for a certificate as a lead abatement supervisor shall complete a KDHE- or EPA-accredited lead abatement supervisor training program and pass the course examination and the third-party examination, each with a score of 70 % or more.

What are approved documents recognized by KDHE as evidence of meeting the work experience, and training requirements?

Evidence of work experience - Resumes, letters of reference, or documentation of work experience, which at a minimum shall include specific dates of employment, each employer's name, address, and telephone number, and specific job duties.

Evidence of training - Course completion certificates issued by the KDHE- or EPA-accredited training provider.

Where can I get a *Lead Occupation Initial / Renewal* form?

Contact the Kansas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 1-866-865-3233 or visit the website at http://www.kdheks.gov/lead/license_and_certification.htm

What is the third party exam?

The third party exam is a competency exam to test your knowledge and ability to perform the duties of a lead abatement supervisor. You must complete a KDHE- or EPA-accredited lead abatement supervisor training course to take the third party exam. A passing score of 70% is required to successfully pass the exam. The third party exam is offered several times a year; contact your training provider or the Residential Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for dates, times and locations. The applicant must pass the exam within one year of successful completion of the training program to receive certification.

What if I don't pass the Third Party exam?

After successful completion of a KDHE- or EPA-accredited training program, the applicant may take the third party exam a maximum of three times within 180 calendar days of notice of an approved application. If an applicant allows 180 calendar days to pass after notification of an approved application or if the applicant should fail the third party exam three times, whichever comes first, the applicant will be denied certification. The applicant may reapply to KDHE, but must successfully complete a KDHE- or EPA-accredited training program prior to submitting application.

How do I apply for recertification?

The certified individual applying for renewal shall complete the eight-hour KDHE- or EPA-accredited refresher course for lead abatement supervisors. Submit a completed application for renewal of certificate to KDHE at least 60 days before the certificate's expiration date as indicated on the certificate. A completed application includes the required supporting documentation, two recent photographs and the nonrefundable recertification fee of \$75 by check or money order made payable to KDHE.

I am certified/licensed in another state; can I apply for certification by reciprocity?

Yes, if the state you are certified/licensed in has a reciprocity agreement with KDHE. Check with your state agency, or contact KDHE for updated state reciprocity agreements. You must follow all of the procedures outlined for an individual applying for certification as a lead abatement supervisor. (See "How do I apply to become a Lead Abatement Supervisor?" above) Include a copy of the EPA-approved state licensure/ certification certificate(s) for a lead abatement supervisor occupation in other states, proper documentation of meeting experience requirements, a check or money order for the nonrefundable application fee of \$150 and two recent, passport-size color photographs of your face without a hat or sunglasses. (Computer-generated or photocopied photographs are not acceptable.)

How will I know if I was approved or denied certification?

The applicant shall be informed by KDHE in writing that the application is approved, incomplete, or denied. An incomplete application notice will be accompanied by a list of necessary items and/or required information to complete the application. The applicant will have 30 days to correct omissions or the application will be denied. An approved application notice will indicate the date your one year period begins to pass the third party exam. When an application for certification is denied, the written notice of denial to the applicant shall specify the reasons for the denial. If an applicant is wrongfully denied by a determination to deny certification, the applicant may appeal KDHE's denial to the administrative hearing commission as provided by the Kansas administrative procedure act.

What happens after I pass the third party exam?

After the applicant passes the third-party examination, a two-year lead abatement supervisor certificate and a photo identification badge may be issued by KDHE.

What would cause my application to be denied?

Certification may be denied by KDHE for any of the following reasons:

- Failure to meet minimum education or experience requirements
- Not having correct type or amount of training
- Providing false or misleading statements in the application
- Failure to achieve a passing score on the third-party exam after three attempts
- Failure to submit a complete application
- Three or more citations or violations within the past two years of any existing local, state, or federal lead-based paint activity regulations or standards
- Three or more violations within the past two years of 29 CFR 1926.62 or 29 CFR 1910.1200, both revised as of July 1, 1998.
- Fraud or failure to disclose facts relevant to the application
- Permitting the duplication or use by another of the individual's certificate

- Any other information that may affect the applicant's ability to appropriately perform lead inspections, or
- Final disciplinary action, for any violation of lead-based paint activity standards, against the certified individual by another state, territory, federal agency, or country, whether or not voluntarily agreed to by the certified individual, including the denial of certification, surrender of the certificate, allowing the certificate to expire, or discontinuing or restricting the certificate while subject to investigation or while actually under investigation by another state, territory, federal agency, or country.

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